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A LIBERAL OFFER.

On page 9 Quiet Observer makes a very liberal offer. Let us suppose for the sake of convenience, that there is \$1200 due this office. If five-sixths of this amount is paid before January 1, 1897, Quiet Observer will pay \$75 to the National Mission Board and \$75 to the Publishing House. And if comparatively all of it is collected, the amount will be \$100 instead of \$75. This is a strange proposition, but we vouch for it that it is not a sham. We are acquainted with the man who makes the offer and he will do just what he says. Are you interested in this work? Pastors, will *you* help us make these collections, that the church may realize the extra \$200? Bills have been sent out to about all who owe the office. Now let us unite our efforts and make Quiet Observer pay the \$200. Then what a glorious thing it would be if we could begin the year 1897 with a clear record, and the \$200 extra.

WHY IT WAS.

Most of the papers were sent out last week unstitched and untrimmed. Our wire stitcher, which is a very delicate piece of machinery, refused to do its work and at this writing is not yet in order. Should this paper go out unstitched, you will know why it is.

One is inclined to become aggravated when a machine gets out of order and "refuses to work." But all man-made machinery will "get out of fix." And, indeed, if man is a piece of God's workmanship, then even God's machinery "gets out of fix." For how often man becomes stubborn and refuses to do God's will. Pastors, do your church members ever get "out of order" and balk? How about the choir? Does it always work smoothly? Is there not friction at times, a peculiar noise about the machinery that indicates a want of harmony among its different parts? So we find it in the Sunday-school, Young People's Society and the Church. Then let us be patient with the

machinery that is "dumb" and cannot adjust itself, seeing that God's intelligent machinery, with power to correct itself, also refuses to work at times as it should.

NOW FOR THE YEAR 1897.

The price of the EVANGELIST has been reduced to \$1.00 cash. Let everybody note that last word *cash*. It has much to do with the reduction of the subscription price of the paper. For at \$1.00 the EVANGELIST cannot be published, unless it be cash. The Board cannot afford to carry any accounts on the books for the paper. It is understood that this applies only to the EVANGELIST; S. S. Literature, Tracts, etc., are sold same as before. We invite pastors, K. C. workers, Sunday-school superintendents and teachers, and all interested, to begin work at once and organize a campaign for 3000 cash subscribers. If there are members in your congregation too poor to pay anything for the paper, what better can that congregation do than make a Christmas present of the paper to such as are unable to pay for it. The paper will remind them each week of the donors and cheer their hearts in their weary pilgrimage.

The reduction in price does not mean that any efforts will be spared in making the paper just what it should be. On the other hand, hoping to be relieved from the annoyances that accompanied the credit system, we shall give ourselves more fully to the literary management of the paper, and in every way improve it. We can insure our readers a rich treat for 1897. Think of it, *fifty* numbers of the paper, 16 pages each, making 800 large pages of reading matter for \$1.00. And now since this reduction has been made, let the subscription list be rolled up, and along with it, that of *King's Children*. Again we ask will you join us in a grand forward march. The EVANGELIST, *King's Children* and the Annual, \$1.35 cash. Do not fail to read page 1, two or three times.

A TIME FOR LOYALTY.

If there ever was a time in the history of the Brethren Church, when the cause needed loyal hearts, noble, self-sacrificing, self-forgetful men and women, it is now. There are tendencies to drift away from, we shall not say "time-honored," but God-honored, Christ and Gospel-honored principles of the Brethren Church, principles that are as dear to the hearts of the most Christ-like men and women, as life

itself; principles for which some have suffered persecution and offered their lives. We say it is a time to be loyal to the Master, and show our loyalty, by holding fast to the good old doctrines which he ordained and instituted during his earthly pilgrimage. Brethren stand firm by the faith, on the solid Rock, Christ Jesus. Do not be led about by every wind of doctrine, but plant your feet squarely on the old Rock, from which flow fountains of living waters, and boldly declare for the "faith once delivered unto the saints." Do not be deceived. Christ prophesied that there would be false teachers, leading people away from the truth. It is a time to be loyal, a time for a deeper spirituality, more earnest prayer, secret communion with Him who rules and determines the destinies of nations and individuals. Let the Brethren Church be *loyal*, and however large-hearted in our charity for others, however kindly and liberal our feeling towards those who differ with us, however forgiving toward those who may have wronged us—with all these *let us be loyal*.

SPECIAL PREMIUM OFFER.

On page 16 will be found one of the most liberal offers we have ever made to our readers. It is the time of year when people buy, or make preparations to buy, Christmas presents. There is nothing more appropriate than a fine Bible or some other good book. Here is an opportunity to procure a Bible *and* a subscription to the EVANGELIST at a price, less than you usually pay for a Bible alone. Read our premium offer, and you will no doubt be able to find something that will please you, and as for the price, we know that will be satisfactory. The other books advertised are specially adapted for Christmas and New Year gifts. They are books that are safe to put into the hands of the boys and girls in the home. They are interesting, instructive, and above all, elevating. The offer is so liberal that it will remain open only to January 1, 1897. Make your selection early, to insure delivery in time for Christmas.

Little self-denials, little honesties, little passing words of sympathy, little nameless acts of kindness, little silent victories over favorite temptations—these are the silent threads of gold which, when woven together, gleam out so brightly in the pattern of life that God approves.—F. W. Farrar, D. D.